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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Management Staff, DDO

FROM:

Director of Information Services, DDA

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SUBJECT: GAO Research into 1950-54 State Records
Re Nazi War Criminals Who Entered the U.S.

1. On 12 May 1983, Chief, Classification Review Division, Office of Information Services, (CRD/OIS) received a telephone call from Milton Gustafson, Chief of the Legislative and Diplomatic Archives Branch of NARS. Gustafson informed Chief, CRD that there was a team of five GAO employees conducting research in State Department files for the period of 1940-49. This is part of the project of searching for Nazi war criminals who hid their Nazi pasts when they immigrated to the United States. The team has informed Gustafson that when they complete the 1949 files they want to continue on into State records to the period of 1950-54. These records have not yet been screened by State or NARS and they have not yet been accessioned to NARS. A team of 25 persons supervised by NARS and by State is reviewing the 1950-54 records but they have not started on the European records and are not scheduled to for about two years. Gustafson said that he raised this question of GAO access to the State records with Frank Machak at State. Machak said that State does not have the personnel to review the records before the GAO personnel get to them. He suggested that the Agency might want to do this. Otherwise, the GAO team, like any other researcher, would be required to clear any documents or notes with State.

2. Gustafson asked Chief, CRD if the Agency desired to review the files before the GAO people were given access. Gustafson did not know how many feet of records were involved. Chief, CRD informed him that we did not have the personnel to conduct such a review and that we probably would be content to handle the GAO team like other researchers as State was doing. We would expect them to clear any documents or notes that were of interest to CIA before removing them. Chief, CRD stated however, he would check with interested offices in the Agency and provide Gustafson with a final answer in a few days.

3. The members of the GAO team are as follows:

- a. John Tipton -- SECRET Clearance (Held TOP SECRET Clearance until it was no longer needed on 1/21/81).
- b. Robert Glick -- TOP SECRET Clearance.
- c. Annell Williams -- TOP SECRET Clearance.
- d. David Broy -- SECRET Clearance.
- e. Joseph Litzelman -- TOP SECRET Clearance.

4. Chief, CRD contacted by phone Frank Machak, Chief of Information Access and Services Division, Foreign Affairs Information Management Center, who confirmed the situation as given by Gustafson. The opinion of the State legal office was that whatever GAO wanted should be given to them. The working rule, according to Machak, is that the GAO reviewers will identify documents and material they are interested in so State can look at it before releasing it to GAO.

5. The Office of Information Services would like to get an Agency position to pass back to Gustafson. Your comments and suggestions on this matter would therefore be appreciated.



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